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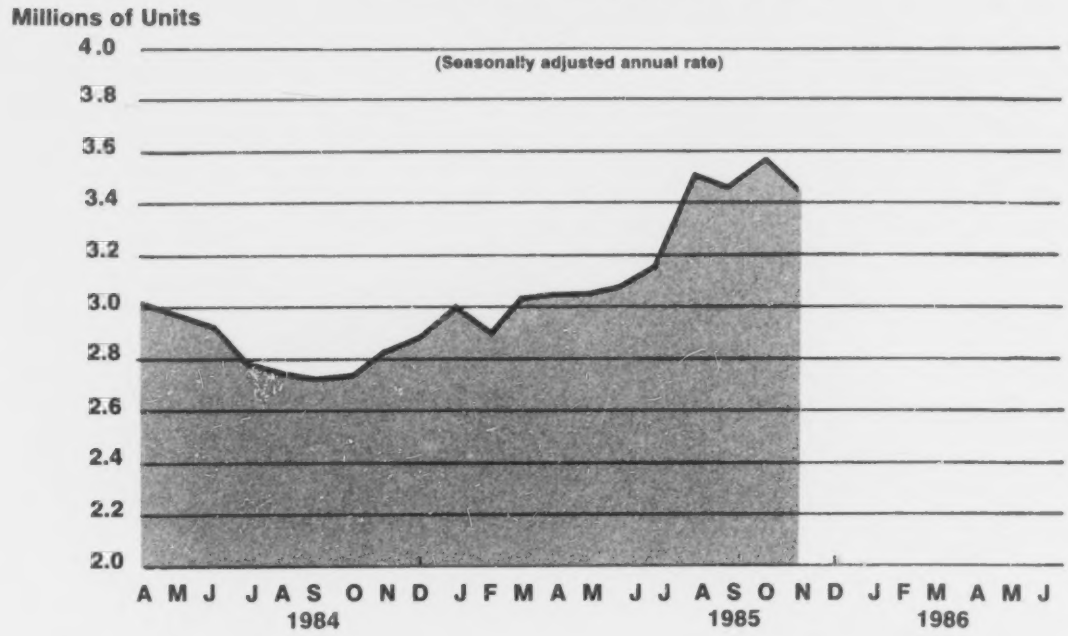

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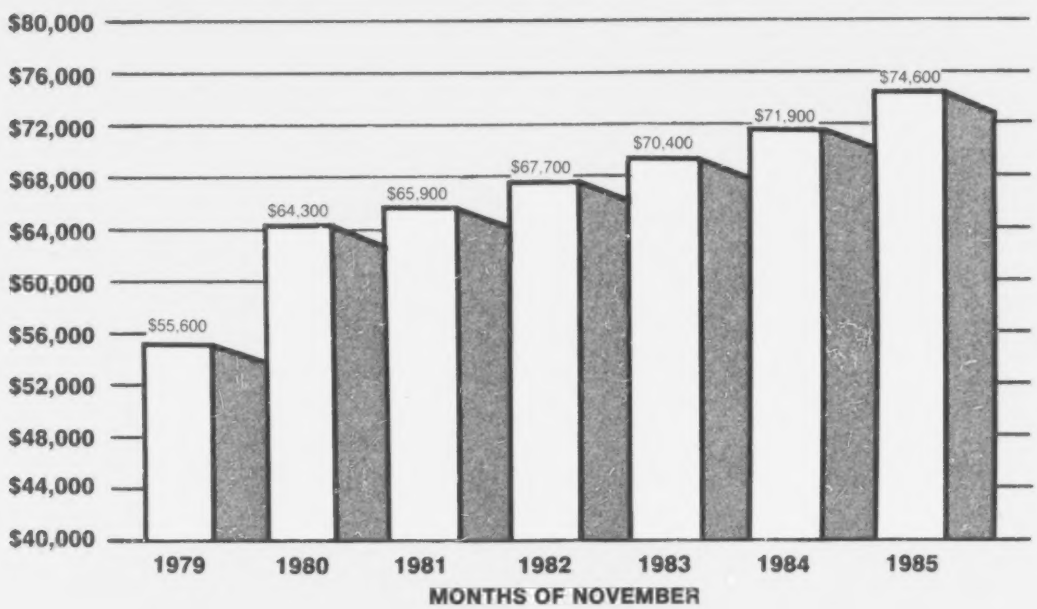

SURVEY DESCRIPTION

Publication

1. "Existing Home Sales" is a monthly publication of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®.

Coverage

2. Each month the REALTORS® Economics and Research Division receives data on existing single-family home sales from over 275 Boards of REALTORS® and multiple listing systems. In 1983 data on over 1,180,000 existing single-family homes were received and processed.

3. Participating Boards are situated in every region of the country and provide wide geographic coverage of the existing home market. While almost all are located in, or adjacent to, standard metropolitan statistical areas, comparisons of their sales reports with data from the Annual Housing Survey show that, as a group, their experience is representative of the sales activity and prices that generally prevail in each region of the country.

Regions

4. Statistics on sales volume and price are published for the U.S. and for the four standard Census regions of the country. States contained in each region are as follows:

NORTHEAST
Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

MIDWEST
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
South Dakota
Wisconsin

SOUTH
Alabama
Arkansas
Delaware
Dist. of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
W. Virginia

WEST
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming

5. Regional weights have been developed to represent the estimated importance of each region in the national existing home market. These weights are based on the regional distribution of owner-occupied single-family dwelling units and homeowner mobility. Weights are periodically revised to reflect shifts in regional demand. The most recent revision occurred in 1982 to reflect changes reported in the 1980 Census of Housing. Weights assigned each region are:

Northeast	.14	South	.35
Midwest	.28	West	.23

Sales Volume

6. Estimated total sales volume of single-family homes and condominiums and cooperatives for each region is computed by using a constant factor to blow up the reported sales of participating multiple listing systems. Regional factors were developed by analyzing the relationship between reported Board sales and measures of total market activity derived from special computer runs from the Annual Housing Survey tapes and from the 1980 Census of Housing.

7. Regional sales are then aggregated to yield national sales volume. Because of the method of computation, regional figures will not always total to the U.S. statistic. Such differences are due entirely to rounding.

8. Quarterly estimates for total existing home sales by state are developed subsequent to the national and regional single-family and apartment condominium/condo statistics. A constant "blow-up" factor is used. These factors were developed by comparing sales reported by participating Boards to market activity benchmarks from the 1980 Census of Housing. State estimates are then adjusted to conform with regional totals.

9. In the main, a transaction is reported when the sales contract is signed, but a number of Boards report "closings." To the extent "closings" are contained in this series, they introduce a "distributive lag" effect which tends to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations in reported volume.

Sales Price

10. Median and average (mean) sales prices are computed for the U.S. and each region of the country and median sales prices are computed for selected metropolitan areas. Because of the nature of the distribution of home sales prices, the average (mean) sales price is higher than the median price.

11. Movements in sales prices should not be interpreted as measuring changes in the cost of a *standard home*. Prices are influenced by changes in cost *and* changes in the characteristics and size of homes actually sold.

12. There is a modest degree of seasonal variation in reported selling prices. Sales prices tend to reach a seasonal peak in July, and then decline moderately over the next three months before experiencing a seasonal upturn. However, sales prices are *not seasonally adjusted*.

Seasonal Adjustment

13. Volume statistics are seasonally adjusted using the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program of the Bureau of the Census. The procedure includes adjusting for trading-day variation—the number of Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in a particular month. This type of fluctuation in the data was found to be significant.

14. Sales in each region are first seasonally adjusted and then aggregated to yield the U.S. statistic.

15. Seasonal indices are based on monthly single-family home sales activity dating from July 1966. Seasonal patterns for apartment condominium/cooperative sales and state home sales are based on quarterly data beginning in 1975. New seasonal adjusters are constructed at the conclusion of each year. Data for the three preceding years are revised using these new seasonal factors.

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Existing Single-Family Home Sales

The early onset of winter, particularly in the Northeast and Midwest forced existing single-family home sales down in November. In November, 3,430,000 existing single-family homes were sold on a seasonally adjusted annual rate basis, a decline of 3.4 percent from the revised October level of 3,550,000. Despite the decline the activity was far stronger than a year ago.

Three of the four regions experienced a decrease in sales volume from October to November. The Northeast region led the group with an 8.3 percent unit drop to 660,000 units on a seasonally adjusted basis. The Midwest had the next largest decline at 5.6 percent to an 890,000 unit annual rate while the West registered a 4.7 percent dip to 610,000 units. The South registered a slight October to November increase to 1,270,000 units.

The total dollar volume of single-family home sales followed the direction of the annual rate of unit sales. Total dollar volume of resales slipped to $308.5 billion in November, 4.2 percent below the October level of $322.1 billion, only a little below the record high annual rate of $325.1 billion set in August. The South was the only region registering an increase with a very modest gain of $2.5 billion to $111.7 billion.

Homes Available For Resale

The inventory of homes on the market in November continued to decline, falling to 2,520,000 units. This is sufficient to supply the market for 8.8 months, a slight increase from the month's supply in October. Somewhat surprisingly, there were 100,000 more units on the market this year than a year ago, but because of a higher sales rate, the supply is less.

Home Sales Prices

The median price existing single-family home sold in November declined by $200 to $74,600. Nevertheless, the median price in November was 3.8 percent higher than a year ago. This rate of home price increase roughly parallels the rise in the overall cost of living nationwide.

As has been the case all year, regional price trends are striking. Price advances continue to be led by the Northeast, which this month surged 9.5 percent to $89,800. However, there is some evidence that the prices in the Northeast are beginning to go up somewhat more slowly. In the Midwest the median price rose 5.1 percent over the year to $58,000. Similarly the $74,400 median in the South is 4.9 percent higher than a year ago. Once again the West recorded a slight decline of 0.3 percent to a median of $92,700.

Housing Affordability

The modest decline in home prices combined with a slight decline in mortgage interest rates and continued improvement in family income to produce improvement in the Housing Affordability Index in November. The composite index increased one point to 99.7. This means that a family earning the median income of $27,814 is within $100 of qualifying for the purchase of the median price existing single-family home. Slight adjustments to the home price or downpayment would qualify this hypothetical family.

Both fixed-rate and ARM affordability indexes improved. The fixed rate loan index jumped 1.3 points to 94.0 while the ARM index rose 1.0 points to 107.0—which means the median income family could qualify for first-year payments of an adjustable rate loan. Before the median income

family undertakes an ARM loan, however, they must carefully compare the risks of increasing interest rates and their ability to afford increases in payments should interest rates resume an upward path.

Apartment Condominium and Cooperative Resales

While the story has been frequently told this year that the condominium development and conversion market has lost its glow, the quarterly data on condo/co-op resale markets shows a different picture. Nationwide resales of these units rose 23.3 percent in the third quarter to a record annual pace of 317,000 units. Although the bulk of the expansion continued to be centered in the Northeast, all regions reported sales above the second quarter rate. The 162,000 unit rate in the Northeast was 28.6 percent higher than the second quarter, while the 31,000 unit rate in the West gained that region the distinction of having the most rapid growth (29.2 percent). In the Midwest the resales of condo/co-op units jumped 19.6 percent to 55,000 units, while the South experienced a 15 percent expansion to 69,000 units.

The total resale housing market (single-family as well as condo/co-op units) surged 11.5 percent to an annual rate of 3,680,000 units. All four regions scored advances over the previous quarter and over the third quarter a year ago.

State Resales

The strengthened national home resale market in the third quarter translated into strong markets in almost every state. However, seven states reported lower levels of activity on a seasonally adjusted basis than in the April-June period. All but Connecticut in that group came from the Southern or Western regions. By contrast, the home sales rate was at least 20 percent higher than the previous quarter in 12 states.

California continues to be the state with the highest level of existing home sales activity, recording a 414,200 unit rate in the third quarter. Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas all recorded sales rates in excess of 200,000 units, while Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, and Tennessee all recorded sales rates of more than 100,000 units annually.

Down	Up 0.1—9.9%	Up 10.0—19.9%	Up 20% or More
Alaska	California	Alabama	Arkansas
Connecticut	Colorado	Arizona	Illinois
Georgia	Florida	Delaware	Indiana
Oklahoma	Hawaii	Dist. of Columbia	Kentucky
Utah	Idaho	Iowa	Maryland
Virginia	Maine	Kansas	Mississippi
Wyoming	Minnesota	Louisiana	New York
	Missouri	Massachusetts	Oregon
	Montana	Michigan	Pennsylvania
	Nevada	Nebraska	Rhode Island
	New Mexico	New Hampshire	Tennessee
	North Carolina	New Jersey	Vermont
	South Dakota	North Dakota	
	Texas	Ohio	
	West Virginia	South Carolina	
	Wisconsin	Washington	

Metropolitan Area Home Prices

Nowhere is the localized nature of real estate markets more evident than in home price trends. Of the 45 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) for which statistics are reported this quarter, seven recorded a median home resale price exceeding $100,000. The highest reported median in the third quarter was in the San Francisco Bay Area at $143,800. Santa Clara County (San Jose/Palo Alto MSA), metropolitan Boston, New York/Northern New Jersey/Long Island, and Orange County (Anaheim/Santa Ana MSA) all reported medians in excess of $130,000. In contrast, the median price existing home sold in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls area was $46,300 to qualify as the lowest in our sample. Greater Akron, metropolitan Detroit, the Indianapolis area, greater Jacksonville, and the Louisville area all had median sales prices less than $60,000 as well.

Prices compared to a year ago are also quite striking. In seven of the areas covered by this report the median existing single-family home sales price was actually below a year ago, while in ten of the areas reported there were price increases in excess of ten percent since last year. Consistent with the regional data reported earlier, most metropolitan areas in the Northeast exhibited strong price advances, while prices were generally closer to the national average in the metropolitan areas elsewhere in the country.

Down	Up 0.1 - 4.9%	Up 5.0 - 9.9%	Up 10% or More
Birmingham	Orange County (CA)	Akron	Albany/ Schenectady/Troy
Milwaukee	Buffalo/Niagara Falls	Chicago	Atlanta
Orlando	Cincinnati	Columbus	Baltimore
Phoenix	Denver	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Boston
San Antonio	Ft. Lauderdale/ Hollywood/Pompano Beach	Detroit	Hartford
Tampa/St. Petersburg/ Clearwater	Indianapolis	Houston	New York/ Northern New Jersey/Long Island
Tulsa	Jacksonville	Kansas City	Philadelphia
	Louisville	Rochester	Providence
	Memphis	St. Louis	Santa Clara County (CA)
	Miami/Hialeah	San Diego	Syracuse
	Minneapolis/St. Paul	San Francisco Bay Area	
	Nashville	Washington, DC	
	Oklahoma City		
	Portland		
	Salt Lake City/Ogden		

UNITED STATES SUMMARY

		Existing Single-Family Home Sales (Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates)	Number of Homes Available for Sale (End of Period)	Months Supply of Homes on the Market	Median Sales Price of Existing Single-Family Homes
	1978	3,986,000	n/a	*	$48,700
	1979	3,827,000	n/a	*	55,700
	1980	2,973,000	n/a	*	62,200
	1981	2,419,000	n/a	*	66,400
	1982	1,990,000	1,910,000	*	67,800
	1983	2,719,000	1,980,000	*	70,300
	1984	2,868,000	2,230,000	*	72,400
1984	Nov	2,830,000	2,420,000	10.3	$71,900
	Dec	2,870,000	2,260,000	9.4	72,100
1985	Jan	3,000,000	2,510,000	10.0	$73,800
	Feb	2,880,000	2,520,000	10.5	73,500
	Mar	3,030,000	2,800,000	11.1	74,200
	Apr	3,040,000	2,780,000	10.9	74,500
	May	3,040,000	2,720,000	10.8	75,000
	Jun	3,060,000	2,910,000	11.4	76,200
	Jul	3,140,000	2,770,000	10.6	77,400
	Aug	3,500,000	2,700,000	9.3	76,900
	Sep	3,450,000	2,580,000	9.0	75,500
	Oct[r]	3,550,000	2,570,000	8.7	74,800
	Nov[p]	3,430,000	2,520,000	8.8	74,600

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p Preliminary * not applicable

UNIT VOLUME

EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES

Year		United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1978		3,986,000	516,000	1,144,000	1,416,000	911,000
1979		3,827,000	526,000	1,061,000	1,353,000	887,000
1980		2,973,000	403,000	806,000	1,092,000	672,000
1981		2,419,000	353,000	632,000	917,000	516,000
1982		1,990,000	354,000	490,000	780,000	366,000
1983		2,719,000	493,000	709,000	1,035,000	481,000
1984		2,868,000	511,000	755,000	1,073,000	529,000
			Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates			
1984	Nov	2,830,000	520,000	720,000	1,060,000	530,000
	Dec	2,870,000	520,000	720,000	1,100,000	520,000
1985	Jan	3,000,000	600,000	790,000	1,120,000	490,000
	Feb	2,880,000	510,000	750,000	1,120,000	490,000
	Mar	3,030,000	570,000	800,000	1,130,000	520,000
	Apr	3,040,000	560,000	800,000	1,160,000	520,000
	May	3,040,000	570,000	820,000	1,090,000	550,000
	Jun	3,060,000	600,000	840,000	1,080,000	540,000
	Jul	3,140,000	600,000	920,000	1,120,000	490,000
	Aug	3,500,000	670,000	940,000	1,270,000	610,000
	Sep	3,450,000	690,000	950,000	1,230,000	570,000
	Oct[r]	3,550,000	720,000	940,000	1,240,000	640,000
	Nov[p]	3,430,000	660,000	890,000	1,270,000	610,000
			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
1984	Nov	210,000	37,000	48,000	87,000	38,000
	Dec	174,000	30,000	42,000	69,000	32,000
1985	Jan	190,000	35,000	46,000	75,000	32,000
	Feb	193,000	31,000	58,000	74,000	32,000
	Mar	262,000	45,000	70,000	99,000	48,000
	Apr	283,000	50,000	81,000	106,000	46,000
	May	297,000	55,000	82,000	108,000	52,000
	Jun	297,000	59,000	84,000	100,000	54,000
	Jul	311,000	63,000	92,000	110,000	46,000
	Aug	337,000	72,000	92,000	117,000	56,000
	Sep	281,000	61,000	74,000	93,000	52,000
	Oct[r]	301,000	64,000	79,000	105,000	53,000
	Nov[p]	247,000	47,000	57,000	100,000	43,000

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DOLLAR VOLUME

DOLLAR VOLUME OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES
(Billions of Dollars)

Year		United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1978		$221.2	$28.5	$52.3	$72.6	$68.8
1979		245.7	33.3	54.7	79.8	79.3
1980		216.4	28.9	45.4	73.9	70.4
1981		189.4	26.8	37.2	69.1	57.5
1982		160.2	26.7	29.7	61.4	41.8
1983		225.9	42.1	44.6	84.4	53.4
1984		246.6	48.4	48.1	90.1	59.6
		Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates				
1984	Nov	$240.7	$50.6	$44.7	$88.6	$58.3
	Dec	248.2	51.3	45.5	92.7	58.3
1985	Jan	$263.2	$61.6	$51.3	$95.0	$54.5
	Feb	250.8	52.3	49.0	94.7	54.2
	Mar	268.3	60.0	52.5	98.0	57.4
	Apr	273.1	59.6	52.3	100.8	59.6
	May	274.0	62.5	54.5	95.2	61.9
	Jun	280.1	66.7	57.4	96.3	60.9
	Jul	293.9	65.4	62.4	101.4	60.4
	Aug	325.1	75.1	62.6	115.4	71.7
	Sep	314.1	75.6	62.1	108 4	66.8
	Oct[r]	322.1	78.7	60.9	109.2	74.7
	Nov[p]	308.5	73.2	57.8	111.7	67.7
		Not Seasonally Adjusted				
1984	Nov	$17.8	$3.6	$3.0	$7.2	$4.2
	Dec	14.9	3.0	2.7	5.8	3.6
1985	Jan	$16.7	$3.6	$3.0	$6.5	$3.6
	Feb	16.8	3.2	3.5	6.3	3.7
	Mar	23.2	4.8	4.5	8.6	5.3
	Apr	25.4	5.3	5.3	9.2	5.2
	May	26.8	6.0	5.4	9.4	5.9
	Jun	27.1	6.5	5.7	8.9	6.1
	Jul	29.1	6.8	6.2	10.0	5.6
	Aug	31.3	8.0	6.1	10.6	6.6
	Sep	25.6	6.7	4.8	8.2	6.1
	Oct[r]	27.4	7.0	5.1	9.2	6.1
	Nov[p]	22.2	5.2	3.7	8.8	4.7

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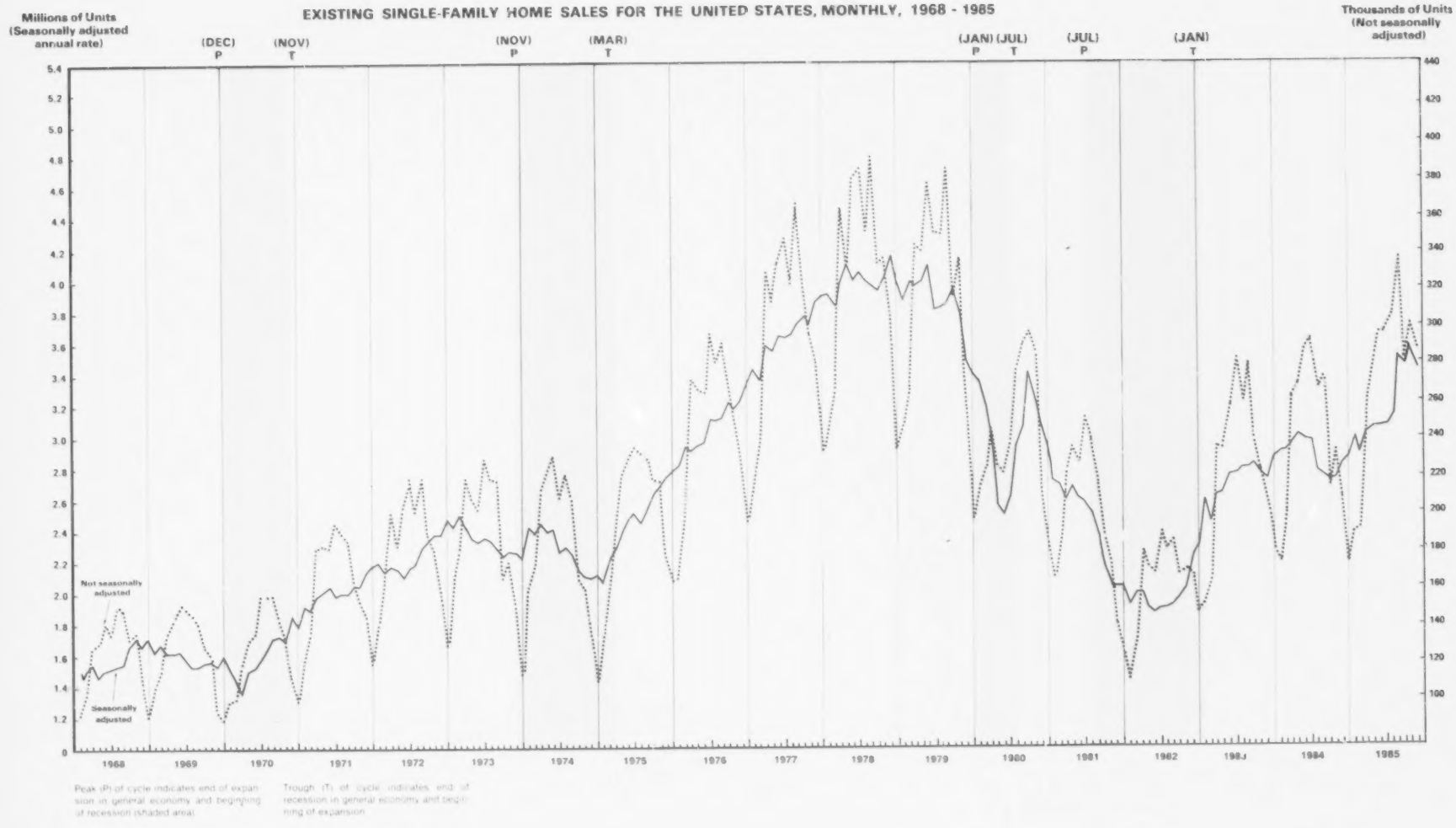
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Peak (P) of cycle indicates end of expansion in general economy and beginning of recession (shaded area)
Trough (T) of cycle indicates end of recession in general economy and beginning of expansion

SALES PRICE

SALES PRICE OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Year		United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
			Median			
	1978	$48,700	$47,900	$42,200	$45,100	$66,700
	1979	55,700	53,600	47,800	51,300	77,400
	1980	62,200	60,800	51,900	58,300	89,300
	1981	66,400	63,700	54,300	64,400	96,200
	1982	67,800	63,500	55,100	67,100	98,900
	1983	70,300	72,200	56,600	69,200	94,900
	1984	72,400	78,700	57,100	71,300	95,800
1984	Nov	$71,900	$82,000	$55,200	$70,900	$93,200
	Dec	72,100	81,500	55,600	71,400	93,500
1985	Jan	$73,800	$86,600	$57,500	$71,800	$95,600
	Feb	73,500	85,900	58,700	72,300	92,800
	Mar	74,200	87,200	58,600	73,400	91,900
	Apr	74,400	88,500	58,400	73,700	94,400
	May	75,000	88,800	58,800	73,900	94,500
	Jun	76,200	89,600	60,600	75,600	93,800
	Jul	77,400	87,000	60,100	76,700	101,800
	Aug	76,900	90,900	59,200	76,700	98,500
	Sep	75,500	89,300	58,200	74,400	97,700
	Oct[r]	74,800	90,400	57,800	73,800	96,900
	Nov[p]	74,600	89,800	58,000	74,400	92,700
			Average (Mean)			
	1978	$55,500	$55,200	$45,700	$51,300	$75,500
	1979	64,200	63,300	51,600	59,000	89,400
	1980	72,600	71,700	56,300	67,700	104,700
	1981	78,300	76,000	58,900	75,400	111,400
	1982	80,500	75,400	60,700	78,700	114,200
	1983	83,100	85,400	62,900	81,500	111,000
	1984	86,000	94,800	63,700	84,000	112,700
1984	Nov	$85,100	$97,800	$62,200	$83,200	$109,100
	Dec	85,900	97,900	63,000	84,000	111,100
1985	Jan	$87,700	$102,800	$64,700	$84,700	$112,200
	Feb	87,200	102,800	65,300	84,500	109,600
	Mar	88,600	105,700	65,300	86,400	110,200
	Apr	89,700	107,100	65,100	86,800	114,300
	May	90,100	109,100	66,100	87,000	113,100
	Jun	91,500	110,400	67,500	89,100	113,100
	July	93,500	108,300	67,900	90,400	122,100
	Aug	93,000	111,600	66,500	90,900	117,700
	Sep	91,100	109,700	65,300	88,200	116,300
	Oct[r]	90,800	110,000	64,700	87,900	115,900
	Nov[p]	89,900	110,400	65,100	88,000	111,000

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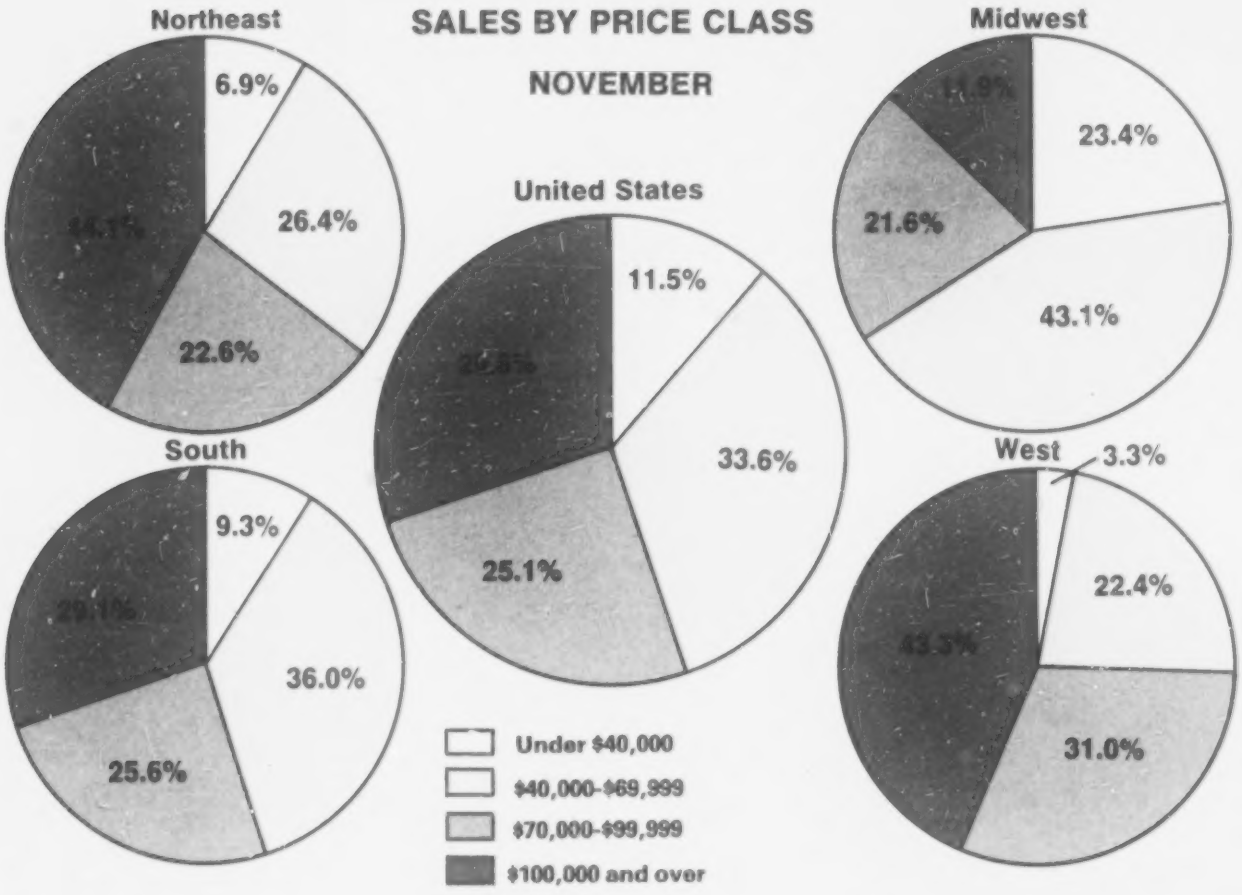

SALES OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FOR THE UNITED STATES BY PRICE CLASS

(Percentage Distribution)

Price Class	Nov 1981	Nov 1982	Nov 1983[r]	Nov 1984[r]	Nov 1985[p]
$19,999 or under	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.4	1.7
$20,000-$29,999	5.6	4.7	3.9	3.8	3.4
$30,000-$39,999	9.6	9.0	7.8	7.8	6.4
$40,000-$49,999	12.0	11.8	10.8	10.1	9.7
$50,000-$59,999	12.3	12.8	12.8	12.2	11.8
$60,000-$69,999	12.0	11.6	12.0	12.1	12.1
$70,000-$79,999	9.7	9.9	10.6	10.9	19.4
$80,000-$89,999	8.2	7.9	8.8	8.6	8.6
$90,000-$99,999	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
$100,000-$119,999	7.3	7.9	8.3	8.4	9.4
$120,000-$159,999	7.6	8.9	9.2	9.7	10.5
$160,000-$199,999	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.5
$200,000-$249,999	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.4
$250,000 and over	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.1	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Median Price	$65,900	$67,700	$70,400	$71,900	$74,600

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SALES OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES BY PRICE CLASS NOVEMBER 1985

(Percentage Distribution)

Price Class	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
$19,999 or under	1.7	1.2	3.8	1.1	0.6
$20,000-$29,999	3.4	1.9	7.5	2.4	0.8
$30,000-$39,999	6.4	3.8	12.1	5.8	1.9
$40,000-$49,999	9.7	6.0	14.6	10.7	4.3
$50,000-$59,999	11.8	9.6	15.0	12.6	7.9
$60,000-$69,999	12.1	10.8	13.5	12.7	10.2
$70,000-$79,999	10.4	8.9	10.3	10.8	11.0
$80,000-$89,999	8.6	7.9	6.9	8.9	10.8
$90,000-$99,999	6.1	5.8	4.4	5.9	9.2
$100,000-$119,999	9.4	9.0	4.6	11.7	12.3
$120,000-$159,999	10.5	16.6	4.5	9.5	15.2
$160,000-$199,999	4.5	8.7	1.6	3.6	6.4
$200,000-$249,999	2.4	4.3	0.7	1.8	4.2
$250,000 and over	3.0	5.5	0.5	2.5	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Median Price	$74,600	$89,800	$58,000	$74,400	$ 92,700

SALES OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES BY NUMBER OF BEDROOMS NOVEMBER 1985

(Percentage Distribution)

Number of Bedrooms	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
2 Bedrooms or less	17.8	14.8	19.6	16.2	20.8
3 Bedrooms	53.0	48.4	55.7	55.0	49.4
4 Bedrooms or more	29.2	36.8	24.7	28.8	29.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FOR THE UNITED STATES BY NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

Number of Bedrooms	Nov 1981	Nov 1982	Nov 1983	Nov 1984[r]	Nov 1985[p]
2 Bedrooms or less	$48,600	$46,300	$51,900	$53,500	$54,700
3 Bedrooms	$64,900	$59,900	$67,700	$69,600	$70,100
4 Bedrooms or more	$92,800	$78,800	$98,100	$100,900	$103,400
All Homes	$65,900	$67,700	$70,400	$71,900	$74,600

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Year	Median-Priced Existing Single-Family Home	Mortgage Rate**	Monthly P & I Payment	Payment as % Income	Median Family Income	Qualifying Income***	Affordability Indexes Composite	Fixed	ARM
1978	$48,700	9.58%	$330	22.4%	$17,640	$15,834	111.4	111.4	111.4
1979	55,700	10.92	422	25.7	19,680	20,240	97.2	97.2	97.2
1980	62,200	12.95	549	31.3	21,023	26,328	79.9	79.9	79.9
1981	66,400	15.12	677	36.3	22,388	32,485	68.9	68.9	68.9
1982	67,800	15.38	702	35.9	23,433	33,713	69.5	69.4	69.7
1983	70,300	12.85	616	30.1	24,580	29,546	83.2	81.7	85.2
1984	72,400	12.49	618	28.2	26,433	29,650	89.1	84.6	92.1
1984									
Nov	$71,900	12.89%	$631	28.8%	$26,279	$30,305	86.7	83.3	88.7
Dec	72,100	12.77	628	28.5	26,439	30,130	87.7	85.6	90.1
1985									
Jan	$73,800	12.61%	$635	28.7%	$26,559	$30,487	87.1	84.3	89.9
Feb	73,500	12.39	623	28.0	26,684	29,882	89.3	85.8	93.6
Mar	74,200	12.19	619	27.7	26,810	29,725	90.2	85.7	95.2
Apr	74,500	12.11	618	27.5	26,935	29,669	90.8	85.8	96.4
May	75,000	12.11	622	27.6	27,061	29,868	90.6	85.2	96.2
Jun	76,200	11.76	616	27.2	27,186	29,559	92.0	85.9	96.7
Jul	77,400	11.47	612	26.9	27,312	29,365	93.0	87.2	98.2
Aug	76,900	11.33	601	26.3	27,438	28,860	95.1	89.5	101.5
Sep	75,500	11.20	584	25.4	27,563	28,049	98.3	92.3	105.2
Oct[r]	74,800	11.32	584	25.3	27,689	28,051	98.7	92.7	106.0
Nov[p]	74,600	11.29	581	25.1	27,814	27,910	99.7	94.0	107.0

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* Index equals 100 when median family income equals qualifying income.

** Effective rate on loans closed on existing homes—Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

*** Based on current lending requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association using a 20 percent downpayment.

CONDO AND CO-OP SALES

APARTMENT CONDO AND CO-OP SALES
(Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates)

Year		United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1978		213,000	60,000	54,000	57,000	42,000
1979		221,000	61,000	56,000	61,000	44,000
1980		186,000	52,000	46,000	55,000	37,000
1981		153,000	45,000	33,000	46,000	28,000
1982		130,000	45,000	26,000	39,000	20,000
1983		205,000	79,000	41,000	54,000	31,000
1984		230,000	96,000	45,000	55,000	34,000
1984	III	247,000	109,000	47,000	56,000	35,000
	IV	218,000	93,000	42,000	52,000	31,000
1985	I	231,000	99,000	46,000	57,000	30,000
	II	257,000	126,000	46,000	60,000	24,000
	III	317,000	162,000	55,000	69,000	31,000

TOTAL EXISTING HOME SALES
SINGLE-FAMILY, APARTMENT CONDOS AND CO-OPS
(Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates)

Year		United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1978		4,199,000	576,000	1,198,000	1,473,000	954,000
1979		4,049,000	587,000	1,117,000	1,414,000	931,000
1980		3,159,000	455,000	848,000	1,147,000	709,000
1981		2,572,000	398,000	665,000	963,000	544,000
1982		2,120,000	399,000	516,000	819,000	386,000
1983		2,924,000	572,000	750,000	1,089,000	512,000
1984		3,098,000	607,000	800,000	1,128,000	563,000
1984	III	3,010,000	620,000	780,000	1,080,000	540,000
	IV	3,030,000	600,000	770,000	1,100,000	550,000
1985	I	3,210,000	660,000	830,000	1,190,000	530,000
	II	3,300,000	700,000	870,000	1,170,000	560,000
	III	3,680,000	820,000	990,000	1,280,000	590,000

Components may not agree with totals due to rounding.
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STATE SALES DATA

TOTAL EXISTING HOME SALES FOR EACH STATE
SINGLE-FAMILY, APARTMENT CONDOS and CO-OPS
(Units in Thousands)

	Years			Quarters (Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)				
	1982	1983	1984	1984 III	1984 IV	1985 I	1985 II	1985 III[r]
Alabama	31.9	41.8	53.3	58.1	54.1	48.4	57.1	64.5
Alaska	7.7	12.1	9.2	9.4	7.4	9.2	10.8	9.5
Arizona	37.9	50.7	59.8	65.0	54.7	57.3	69.9	78.4
Arkansas	31.3	43.0	43.4	41.2	43.2	43.4	46.2	55.7
California*	233.8	343.2	382.1	353.2	372.6	355.5	395.7	414.2
Colorado	38.4	46.1	47.1	47.5	41.7	45.9	47.5	49.1
Connecticut	21.3	37.8	44.5	42.9	45.8	51.7	55.0	54.5
Delaware	7.3	9.3	10.0	9.6	10.8	11.3	11.9	13.1
District of Columbia	5.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.9	9.2	9.4	10.8
Florida	100.3	127.7	137.6	130.3	134.3	127.2	138.2	144.7
Georgia	35.8	51.0	60.1	45.8	57.7	82.0	61.1	50.6
Hawaii	4.1	7.8	7.0	7.0	9.3	6.0	7.1	7.2
Idaho	9.3	11.3	12.3	11.3	14.4	11.1	11.1	11.9
Illinois	80.0	115.3	122.5	118.1	127.8	124.0	125.9	153.1
Indiana	41.4	57.2	64.5	60.4	63.9	65.8	70.0	112.8
Iowa	28.6	39.1	41.9	40.4	41.1	33.2	40.8	45.3
Kansas	33.4	49.3	49.8	48.0	43.3	47.3	47.3	52.5
Kentucky	37.1	56.5	57.3	54.9	58.3	59.5	51.1	61.5
Louisiana	45.7	63.0	50.3	50.8	49.4	40.5	47.4	52.2
Maine	14.8	21.0	23.3	23.8	23.3	24.4	26.6	28.4
Maryland	43.8	60.8	66.8	65.8	67.1	72.1	72.7	93.1
Massachusetts	42.5	65.0	66.5	64.9	69.3	74.5	72.0	82.7
Michigan	94.8	135.1	139.4	140.1	138.7	128.5	164.4	190.8
Minnesota	44.3	58.6	65.5	63.5	60.3	68.5	75.9	77.4
Mississippi	23.0	32.6	32.0	30.5	33.2	28.8	33.5	42.5
Missouri	48.4	72.1	81.0	81.6	75.4	82.3	85.3	89.4
Montana	9.3	12.4	12.4	10.1	13.2	10.5	10.8	11.4
Nebraska	16.6	24.6	24.9	25.7	25.0	20.3	24.4	28.9
Nevada	8.2	10.2	9.4	9.2	8.8	9.1	9.9	10.2
New Hampshire	7.9	15.2	16.9	15.0	12.2	19.6	19.4	21.4
New Jersey	73.0	112.9	119.7	120.3	121.6	127.3	136.3	160.5
New Mexico	15.9	18.3	19.1	19.2	19.3	14.0	18.5	19.9
New York	120.9	148.5	148.9	152.1	144.1	159.4	174.5	210.6
North Carolina	70.0	93.0	103.2	97.3	105.0	120.5	115.7	125.2
North Dakota	6.4	9.4	10.0	9.9	9.3	8.9	8.2	9.2
Ohio	83.0	129.1	138.3	128.3	143.1	149.0	149.0	164.4
Oklahoma	52.1	64.7	51.9	48.7	46.9	46.1	48.3	46.8
Oregon	24.4	34.4	35.7	34.4	42.7	43.5	21.4	39.6
Pennsylvania	106.7	156.9	170.4	171.5	168.5	183.8	198.1	239.3
Rhode Island	6.2	8.8	11.0	13.2	11.4	9.0	12.2	16.6
South Carolina	30.2	39.7	46.0	43.3	46.5	49.0	51.8	57.0
South Dakota	8.6	13.3	11.8	11.4	13.6	11.4	11.4	11.9
Tennessee	46.8	71.1	78.7	74.6	81.7	83.7	90.0	108.4
Texas	165.3	191.1	196.7	213.3	202.8	192.5	198.2	212.3
Utah	12.5	14.7	15.0	13.9	15.2	14.3	17.3	13.7
Vermont	6.0	7.4	8.2	8.3	7.6	8.4	8.8	10.7
Virginia	71.3	103.1	98.1	88.1	99.7	115.8	104.7	98.1
Washington	33.7	44.9	44.9	42.0	39.8	43.6	41.0	47.1
West Virginia	21.9	32.2	34.6	34.1	33.9	34.7	37.2	39.9
Wisconsin	36.0	53.8	56.0	55.1	48.5	55.1	66.8	67.5
Wyoming	5.1	5.5	6.2	5.8	6.1	5.3	6.9	6.6

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METROPOLITAN AREA DATA

MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FOR METROPOLITAN AREAS*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands of Dollars)

	Years			Quarters				
				1984		1985		
	1982	1983	1984	III	IV	I	II	III
Albany Schenectady Troy	$47.1	$49.4	$52.9	$52.4	$53.8	$56.0	$61.5	$61.0
Akron	n.a	n.a	50.4	51.3	48.3	50.9	52.2	55.4
Orange County (Anaheim Santa Ana MSA**)	133.0	134.9	133.7	134.9	130.6	132.1	135.2	137.8
Atlanta	55.3	63.0	66.2	64.6	68.5	73.5	72.0	72.0
Baltimore	62.0	n.a	66.1	65.2	66.6	67.6	71.9	77.4
Birmingham	60.6	62.8	65.1	66.6	61.7	62.0	65.0	65.4
Boston	80.2	82.6	100.0	102.0	104.8	108.6	131.0	138.8
Buffalo Niagara Falls	n.a	n.a	44.8	44.4	42.9	46.9	47.0	46.3
Chicago	73.0	76.4	79.5	77.5	77.8	78.8	81.8	82.3
Cincinnati	n.a	57.2	58.9	59.6	57.2	59.6	61.1	61.8
Cleveland	n.a	n.a	62.7	65.4	61.4	61.9	66.4	n.a
Columbus	57.8	59.4	59.9	60.4	57.4	59.0	61.4	64.4
Dallas Ft. Worth	74.0	76.0	82.2	83.4	80.0	86.6	87.1	89.8
Denver	76.2	78.3	82.7	85.0	82.7	82.4	83.7	85.9
Detroit	47.5	47.5	48.5	48.0	47.9	51.3	51.0	52.6
Ft. Lauderdale Hollywood Pompano Beach	74.2	73.9	73.1	76.0	73.5	71.0	73.3	76.8
Hartford	n.a	n.a	87.4	90.2	91.7	90.2	97.2	102.0
Houston	77.2	79.9	77.6	79.6	74.8	78.6	76.2	83.7
Indianapolis	50.6	52.8	53.1	54.2	51.5	52.5	55.4	55.3
Jacksonville	n.a	n.a	55.7	57.8	56.4	55.3	58.8	59.8
Kansas City	58.1	58.8	59.1	57.6	58.9	62.9	63.0	61.0
Los Angeles Area**	113.4	112.7	115.3	115.3	114.5	114.3	116.9	n.a
Louisville	46.0	47.4	48.9	49.5	48.3	50.4	51.0	51.4
Memphis	59.3	61.6	64.1	65.2	64.5	64.5	63.8	67.2
Miami Hialeah	n.a	n.a	79.5	82.1	77.8	73.4	84.0	86.1
Milwaukee	65.8	68.0	68.2	69.6	64.1	66.6	68.7	66.7
Minneapolis St. Paul	72.4	73.6	74.0	75.1	73.6	74.2	75.2	75.9
Nashville	n.a	61.0	62.9	64.0	62.8	64.7	66.0	66.6
New York Northern New Jersey Long Island	70.5	88.9	105.3	106.9	107.7	125.0	130.4	138.2
Oklahoma City	58.4	61.6	63.9	63.6	64.4	63.2	65.5	65.5
Orlando	n.a	n.a	70.1	73.7	69.7	67.3	71.9	72.4
Philadelphia	62.8	64.5	65.2	64.7	64.3	70.2	72.1	71.7
Phoenix	n.a	n.a	74.7	76.3	74.3	74.1	73.9	73.4
Portland	n.a	n.a	62.9	63.1	62.7	61.9	60.6	63.2
Providence	49.7	54.7	59.6	61.4	59.3	63.0	65.5	69.8
Rochester	49.5	54.8	59.7	62.1	60.4	60.3	64.0	65.8
St. Louis	57.0	58.9	61.8	64.4	61.9	60.8	65.7	68.8
Salt Lake City Ogden	64.6	64.3	65.8	67.1	66.7	63.9	67.1	67.6
San Antonio	58.3	62.6	67.5	71.6	62.6	66.1	68.1	71.0
San Diego**	98.6	98.9	100.2	102.9	104.9	101.2	104.3	109.3
San Francisco Bay Area**	124.9	129.5	129.9	132.6	130.4	n.a	134.5	143.8
Santa Clara County (San Jose Palo Alto MSA**)	122.6	127.6	123.1	121.6	119.0	n.a	128.0	138.7
Syracuse	n.a	n.a	50.7	52.4	50.4	53.7	56.8	60.7
Tampa St. Petersburg Clearwater	53.9	55.5	58.4	60.8	58.6	53.1	58.3	60.3
Tulsa	n.a	n.a	57.3	69.4	69.8	69.8	68.0	66.3
Washington, D.C.	87.2	89.4	93.0	92.9	91.7	94.9	97.5	98.3

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